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Claims 1-6 are pending in this application.

The rejection of the claims over the art of record is respectfully traversed in view of amendment of claim 1 presented with this Preliminary Amendment. The claims are now directed to a heat-shrinkable tube, which is composed of at least 30% by weight of polyester or more of a polyester resin or a copolyester resin as the polymeric component and in particle of specific weight and particle diameter to yield a heat-shrinkable tube having slipperiness in the range of 300 to 800 gf. Reference is made to the detailed description of the preferred embodiments of the invention found on pages 9-13 of the specification. The slipperiness of the Examples according to the present invention are within the range of about 300 to 800 gf and all of the Examples have excellent properties as shown in Table 2 on page 12 of the specification. Comparative Examples, which have a different composition are shown in Table 2 and are either outside the slipperiness range or do not display the same excellent properties as the Examples according to the present invention. Thus, it is the combination of polyester in specific proportions with the defined particle of specific properties that result in an excellent heat-shrinkable tube for covering a condenser as now claimed in this application.

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In view of the foregoing and the arguments of record herein, favorable action and allowance of the present application is respectfully solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Edward H. Valance (Reg. No. 19,896) at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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